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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0524

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, ASEC
SUBJECT: INDICTMENT OF USIA OFFICIAL FOR ESPIONAGE AND COMPROMISE
OF DOCUMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 27163, (B) STATE 25978, (C) STATE 25932

1. DCM CALLED ON DIRECTOR, FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL
DIVISION, TAN BOON SENG FEBRUARY 2 TO DISCUSS ESPIONAGE
CASE AND COMPROMISE OF DOCUMENTS. DCM BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED
SITUATION, NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN
COMPROMISED AND THAT CERTAIN OF THEM MIGHT BECOME PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE IN COURSE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DESPITE DEPARTMENT'S
EFFORTS TO PREVENT THIS. HE PASSED TAN COPY OF INDICTMENT
TEXT AS GIVEN REF B, POINTING OUT THAT ONE DOCUMENT ORIGINATING
IN EMBASSY SINGAPORE WAS AMONG THOSE LISTED IN INDICTMENT.

2. DCM SUMMARIZED SINGAPORE MESSAGE IN QUESTION (77 SINGAPORE
2053), NOTING THAT IT WAS BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONVERSATION
BETWEEN FORMER DCM GRANT AND TAN HIMSELF TO DISCUSS RELATIONS
WITH VIETNAM FOLLOWING FIRST ROUND OF US-SRV PARIS TALKS. DCM
SAID THAT MESSAGE HAD INCLUDED COMMENT BY TAN THAT GOS INTENDED
MOVE AT DELIBERATE PACE IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS
WITH VIETNAM AND AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT USG
WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE MAJOR AID PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM.

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TAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION
AND SAID THAT IT DID NOT SOUND AS IF COMPROMISE OF THIS
PARTICULAR MESSAGE WOULD BE VERY DAMAGING.
HE ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED OF SUBSEQUENT
DEVELOPMENTS AND OBSERVED THAT IN DUE COURSE SINGAPORE
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN OVERALL PICTURE OF WHAT
HANOI WAS ABLE TO GET THROUGH THIS SOURCE. DCM AGREED

TO KEEP SINGAPOREANS INFORMED.

3. TAN COMMENTED THAT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF INCIDENT
HAD NOT INDICATED WHETHER USIA OFFICER'S MOTIVE WAS
FINANCIAL OR IDEOLOGICAL. DCM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW,
BUT THAT SO FAR THERE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN NO MENTION
OF MONEY CHANGING HANDS.
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